MRAC Board Meeting 1/25/99

The meeting was held at Dave's QTH and called to order at 7:15.
The previous meeting minutes were read and approved as written.
Treasurers report -- Total Liquid assets $2,166.69 plus CD's.
Dave's original agenda for the meeting was set aside due to the unexpected death of Ed Wille.
The discussion for the evening was to find people to replace Ed in the many duties that he took care of on behalf of the club.
The following is an outline of some of the decisions.

All literature and adds that comes to the P.O. Box will now go to Pancho and Dave instead of Ed so it can be used as information in the Chatter.
Rick suggested that the death notice about Ed that will be in the Chatter be copied and sent to the ARRL and Smoke Signals.
Jim showed the certificate that came from the ARRL, and the matching coffee cup, for donating to the frequency defense fund.
A major discussion on the VEC program and the need to find someone to replace Ed, or should we not continue with the program since there seems to be so few people coming for testing.
The VEC program will be discussed at the club meeting Thursday night.
The club repeater for now will stay at Ed's QTH. His daughter Sue has been gracious enough to offer that we can stay there until we find a new permanent location.
Jim made arrangements with Ed's church pastor so we can continue to have our club meetings in the church meeting hall.

Rick asked if we could have a 10 meter link through our 2 meter repeater. Jim says the concept is possible since the clubs controller is designed to do this. We do not have the equipment to do this at this time, however. Several full time control operators would also be needed.

The March club meeting will be one week earlyer because we will have a guest speaker from the ARRL , Bart Johnke , who is also a major player in the VEC program.

The April club meeting program will be on the very early consumer VTR's by Jim WB9LNU. Jim has one of the first VTR's and it is in working order. It will be used at the meeting. Along with the VTR will be one of the early consumer TV camera's. This equipment will have the covers removed so you can see the inside while they are working.

Dave will be organizing a nominating committee for the up coming elections to replace 3 directors and Dave will also have to appoint someone to replace Ed for the balance of his term as director.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim WB9LNU
Secretary

MRAC Club Meeting 1/28/99

The meeting was called to order at 7:35.
The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as written.
Treasurers report -- $2166.69 in liquid assets and $8166.69 total.
Ken also reported that the club Xmas party cost ran a little over budget due to the cost of all the flowers etc: He also asked that all members be sure that your dues have been paid, otherwise you wont receive your Chatter.
The mic was passed for all to I.D.
Dave -- Due to the recent deaths of members in the club, our regular meeting format will not be used tonight.
Dave -- Showed the cup and certificate that we received from the ARRL for the $200.00 that we donated to the Frequency Defense Fund. Dave also stated that the club Xmas party cost the club $800.00 in addition to the $16.00 each that was collected to pay for the dinners. The Board hopes that everyone had a very good time.
Matt KB9PRC and Al KB9NRS will be looking into " T " shirts and a club patch. Dave says that we will have a contest for the best design. A prize will be given for the best design. All designs are due at the March meeting. Judging will be at the April meeting.
Don't forget to send in your dues otherwise no more Chatters.
Dave voiced his displeasure at the outcome of the ARRL division director elections. Our dead wood director was re-elected. Dave will send him an E-Mail asking for some kind of a response to come to our club.
The March meeting will be one week earlyer , March 18th , because Bart Johnke from the ARRL will be coming as a guest speaker. Bart is one of three people that make up the question pool for the VEC program. Hopefully we will have a big turnout. Non-members are invited.

Vern W9RYA, asked the board if we ever thought of sponsoring another ARRL convention and is it engraved in stone as to the location of the club Xmas parties. Dave -- To have a convention we would need a chairman willing to devote his time and all the necessary people to pull it off. We are having trouble getting volunteers just to be club officers!!!! As for the Xmas party location, we are always open to any members ideas. We have to reserve a place soon for next year so lets get started. Vern -- I will be happy to head the committee to find a location for next year. Dave -- So be it. You are now in charge of finding a location and proposing a menu.

Pancho -- I would like to devote the next Chatter to those who have recently died. If anyone has anything they would like to write about them, please get it to me A.S.A.P.

Dave introduced a guest speaker -- John WB9SMM , He is the Milwaukee, Waukesha Emergency Coordinator. John explained the EC program to the members and the need to

support the ARRL. He also thanked the club on behalf of ARES for the cash donation we made for the new ARES truck. John asked the membership if they could use MRAC's repeater in the event that the 67 repeater would go down or if they had a overflow and needed our repeater also. He said that they have been having trouble with the 67 repeater recently. The MRAC repeater would be used as a back-up only. This means that if they are using the repeater, we must stand -by and wait until they are through or join them in their efforts. We have all been invited to be a member of ARES. ARES uses the 67 repeater in Milwaukee and the 82 repeater in Waukesha. Jerry KC9EV said on behalf of the club that he is sure that the ARES group could use our repeater for the emergency traffic and the other members present at the meeting seconded.

Final note from Dave -- We lost Phil KB9FOQ who got us the Manor Park nursing home for a testing site and for our school. Dick KA9MTY who always helped on field days and played his trumpet at the Christmas parties and a avid 10-10er. Fred W9VLK who always helped Ed Wille and Ed W9PWG, VEC, past president , repeater, net control, breakfast club and much much more. And also in previous months many other friends. LETS NOT MAKE A HABIT OF THIS.
We also need two new volunteers to be VEC's Two people would be better than one so no one person has to devote so much effort to this program.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim WB9LNU
Secretary

The program for the evening was three video tapes provided by Carl at AES on new Kenwood radio's.

Directors Meeting held at Rick's QTH WB9GYT 2/22/99

The meeting was called to order at 7:05.
The previous meeting minutes were read and approved as written.
Treasurers report -- $1856.54 in Liquid assets.
The March board meeting will be at Matt's QTH.

Dave reports that he has committed us to testing at AES for Super Fest. Our first test session will also be at AES on the last Saturday of March, so the new VE's will have a chance to get acclimated with the system. The basics of the program was discussed with our guest for the evening Tom Fuszard KF9PU our new replacement as VEC for Ed Wille.

Next months meeting will be one week early and also the board meeting so we can accommodate Bart Johnkie from the ARRL. Bart will be the guest speaker at the Thursday club meeting.

Dave would like extra Chatters ordered this month so they are available at Super Fest.

The question was asked if we know the location of the clubs license. (It was found at Ed Wille's QTH)

John Merkl WB9PSE and Barbara Brewer KB9TIV will take over mailing the Chatter.
Brian KB9LCQ has completed the first draft of the clubs data base. He will be ready to create a new roster in a couple months. The roster format is still to be determined. The final decision is up to Brian since he is doing the roster.

A new nominating committee will have to be established to elect 3 new directors. Pancho says that he will run for another term.

Dave says that our repeater is now the official backup for ARES.

Special thanks to Rick and family for the use of there QTH and the goodies.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim WB9LNU
Secretary

MRAC Club Meeting 2/25/99

The meeting was called to order at 7:40.
The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as written.
Treasurers report -- $1856.54 in liquid assets $6000 in CD's.
The mic was passed for all to I.D.

Dave -- Everyone please remember the after this month, no dues no Chatter.
Next month, on March 18th Bart Johnkie from the ARRL we be here. If anyone has any special questions for Bart, please let Dave know ahead of time.
Dave is sending an E-Mail and letters to our ARRL district election winners requesting that they show up for one of our meetings. The response to these letters will be in the next Chatter.

Our new volunteer VEC's are Tom Fuszard KF9PU and John Kraak KF9XL. Dave is looking for a third person to volunteer as a back-up so Tom and John don't have to carry to load alone. It is requested by John that all volunteer VE's give him a call and let him know if you will continue to help as a test person. The next test session will be at AES on the last saturday of March. John and Tom need as many VE's to show up and help as possible and to get to know our new leaders. We are trying to be properly prepared for AES Super Fest in April. The MRAC team will be doing the testing on Saturday. We of course will need a lot of volunteers.
Test time is April 10th from 9 to 12 O'Clock.

The May meeting will have the election of three new board directors. Pancho has stated that he will seek re-election. Nominations will be taken at the April meeting.

Fred Krause's radio's are for sale through Jim WB9LNU. A motion was made at the meeting by Jerry KC9EV that if no one buys Fred's Kenwood TS-430, that the club should by it for an additional Field Day radio.
The club needs a Field Day chairman volunteer. Fred Linn has reserved the depot for us again this year.

Try the clubs repeater once and awhile on the friday night net. There is often a nice group on.

The April meeting program will be on early VTR's and how they work. Jim WB9LNU has one of the first consumer VTR's and will have it working at the meeting. There will also be some information on early vidicon cameras.

Follow FCC rules on the air, the FCC has new people cracking down on interference violators. There has been numerous stories in QST about the crackdown.

Dave auctioned off a donated 2 meter antenna and gave away 3 tickets for the Grays Lake and Manatowoc swap fest.

Verne W9RYA is checking on reservations for this years Christmas party at Meyer's on 60th and Forest Home. He will put money down to reserve the place and bring a menu to the next meeting.

Orv Stewert is in the hospital with terminal cancer. They give him 6 months to live. He needs visitors. He is at the senior care center in front of Elm Grove Hospital on west North Ave.

Brian White KB9LCQ gave the directors a sample draft of the clubs new roster. The roster format will be finalized in a couple months. At that time the decision well be made on distribution of the roster to the members.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50.

Matt KB9PRC was planning on a continuation program of his corrosion experiments to date. The program was canceled to give more time to the VE's, present at the meeting, to get to know John and Tom and discuss the future of the VE program.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50

Soda, coffee and donuts by Al KB9NRS and friends.

No raffle do to lack of donated goodies.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim WB9LNU
Secretary

MRAC Directors Meeting 3/15/99

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 at Matt's QTH.
Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as written.
Treasurers report -- $1714.20 in liquid assets and $6000 in CD's.

The new VEC and MRAC phone number is 797-MRAC. (797-7622)
The April meeting will be at Mark's QTH, May at Jim's and June at Jerry's.

Both MCI and 466-HAMS will be canceled from Ed's QTH. John Kraak KF9XL has the equipment at his QTH now and will put the info on the tape and check the messages.
Ken Eggert will coordinate with Bart from the ARRL to be sure he gets to the meeting Thursday night.
Dave asked that several board members take pictures at the meeting.
Dave also asked if the board would like to see the catalogs from Ed Wille that have hats, shirts and pencils etc: so we can order prizes for next years Christmas party and other events. Everyone thought simple prizes would be better this year since the flowers cost us too much money at the last Christmas party.
The Board had a group discussion about the needs for a club table at Super Fest at AES and VE testing.
The clubs logo contest we discussed. One additional month will be added to the contest so everyone has a chance to turn their work in. Dave will spell out more details about the contest at the meeting Thursday night.
Pancho was praised for the nice looking new Chatter format.
Brian is working on the final draft for the new roster and has several people on the roster that no longer pay dues. It was decided to stop sending the Chatter to these people. Rick would like to try an out reach program to reach kids at Milwaukee Public Schools to try and create an interest in Amateur Radio via video's about radio and have an ad for MRAC at the beginning of the tape. Dave felt that a more narrow approach to just science students or computer students would produce more favorable results. No decision was made to invest in this project at this time.
The Board also had quite a discussion about the complex functions on so many of the new radio's and equipment and the fact that most new comers don't understand what these functions are for.
The election for new directors will be at the May meeting Mark Bye and Pancho have indicated that they would like to run for another term. Rick says he will not seek re-election.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00. Respectfully submitted, Jim WB9LNU

MRAC Club Meeting 3/18/99

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 P.M.
Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as written.
Treasurers report -- $1714.20 in liquid assets and $6000 in CD's.
Ken reports that 28 members still haven't paid their dues. These 28 members will no longer receive a Chatter.
Ken also mentioned that he has reservations for a motel room at Dayton for the Ham Fest. He will not be going this year and is offering his reservation to any club member who may want it.

The mic was passed for all to I.D.

Dave informed the members that 466-HAMS is now replaced by 797-MRAC. Also remember that Super Fest at AES is in April and we need volunteers to man the club table and for VE testing on Saturday between 9 and 12A.M.
The club logo contest has been extended one month to give everyone interested more time.

Vern Teske W9RYA has made this years Christmas party reservations for 12/19/99. The possible menu will be Brosted Chicken, Pork, Beef or Ham. The Board has not decided what the cost for the dinner will be as of yet. So everyone knows, the dinner cost includes some of the other expenses such as prizes, music and special gifts. Tentative time schedule is drinks at 5 and dinner at 6P.M.
The meeting adjourned at 8:00.
Our guest speaker for the evening was Bart W9JJ for the ARRL. Bart is one of three people that create the question pool for all FCC amateur exams in the VE program. Bart was our first visitor in 18 years from the ARRL.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim WB9LNU
Secretary

MRAC Board Meeting 4 /26/99

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 at Mark's QTH.
The previous meeting minutes were read and approved as written.
A brief treasurers report was given by Dave in Ken's absence. Liquid assets $957.81
CD's $6000.00
Al Drobec, a guest at the meeting says he will run for a directors position at the next election. Al and Mark were working on the club patch contest.
VEC news -- Dave has sent in the information to the FCC on testing from AES Super Fest. Tom KF9PU has sent in all the other test sessions. So far the VE program has been running smoothly due to the many efforts of all the past VE's and the outstanding new volunteers. John and Tom both deserve a hand for the professional manner that they have used to take over the VE program after Ed Wille died. John KF9XL told Dave that he has been getting very unusual requests from out of state hams looking for VE information.
The last sponsored VE test by MRAC before summer vacation will be May 29th. at AES. Testing will resume in September.

The Logo Design Contest has been postponed to the May meeting.

Brian KB9LCQ will have the clubs new roster ready for distribution to the members in the July or August Chatter.
1999 Field Day Chairman -- Jerry KC9EV says that he and Matt KB9PRC will bring the food and they are looking for additional helpers. Fred Linn W9NZF says that the Depot is reserved for us again this year. Pancho says he will have info about Field Day in the Chatter and he would like some members to write about there past experience at Field Day.
Brian has requested the use of the overhead projector for May's club program.
Dave read the letter he sent to ARRL director and vice director for the central division. Metzger responded with a very short letter saying that he doesn't have time now, perhaps maybe in the fall some time. No response from Huntington.
The board had another discussion on ideas to bring new hams into the club.
Some ideas were to have a FOX Hunt, operate a station at the meetings or have amateur radio class again that go beyond the video tapes for no-code tech.
The meeting adjourned at 9:18 Thanks to Mark for the use of his QTH.

One final note: We have found that MRAC is not the oldest continuously active club. The South Jersey Radio Association says that they have been continuously active since June 12, 1916. MRAC started in 1917.

MRAC Club Meeting 4/29/99

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 P.M.
Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as written.
Treasurers report: Liquid assets $957.81 CD's $6000.00
Ken also mentioned that Bart W9jj from the ARRL sent a letter. He had a very nice time and thanks everyone for everything.
The mic was passed for all to I.D.

John KF9XL -- VE report. All is going well and he appreciates all the help he is getting. Testing at Super Fest went very well.

Dave sent a letter to the ARRL director and vice director of the central division. Metzger's response was very short and basically said he doesn't have time to come to a club meeting now and perhaps maybe sometime in the fall.
Ted WA9RDI asked if the club will print new business cards now that we have a new phone number. Dave responded that we should and we will discuss it further at the next board meeting.

Verne Teske W9RYA has paid the down payment for the clubs Christmas Party. It will be a sit down dinner. A quarter barrel of beer will cost $65 and soda is $5 for a pitcher (about 8 glasses). The restaurant needs two weeks notice on the food selection. The basic meal is $10.89 plus the cost that the club must add to cover prizes and entertainment. The members at the meeting voted for Broasted Chicken and a Beef dinner menu. Verne will check on the music and let us know at the next meeting.

Jerry Thompson WA9SFH was reported to be in the hospital. The latest report is he is doing O.K. and getting better.

Next months the election for 3 new directors to the club board.

Nominations are:	Pancho Doneis	KA9OFA
	Mark Byc	KB9LDX
	Al Drobac	KB9NRS
	Barbara Brewer	KB9TIV
	Verne Teske	W9RYA

Three people must be elected at the next meeting. Ken Eggert W9MOT is also looking for someone to take over as Treasurer for the club.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15.
The evening program was on early consumer VTR's and cameras by Jim WB9LNU.

Brian White KB9LCQ will be the speaker at next months meeting.
Thanks to Tom and Jacqie for running the raffle and to the members for donating the equipment.
Thanks to our kitchen crew for the soda and donuts.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim WB9LNU
Secretary

Field Day -- Jerry KC9EV, our Chairman will take care of the food along with Matt , KB9PRC. Field Day will start at 8:30 A.M. June 26 and end at 1:00 P.M. June 27th. Saturday is the club picnic day also. Please contact Jerry if you can help in any way. Also don't forget that Jim needs help Saturday morning to put up all the antennas and set up the stations.

Closing comments: Rick WB9GYT will take on the task of trying to get new members interest in the club and Amateur Radio.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 at Jim's QTH.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim WB9LNU
Secretary

MRAC Board Meeting 5/24/99

The previous meeting minutes were read and approved as written.
Treasures Report: Total assets with CD's $6653.90 Ken reports that the phone co. charged John KF9XL, $200.00 to install the new VEC phone line into his house. John has been generating revenue from testing and will soon have the expenses covered. However, at this time the VE program is on summer vacation until September.

Next month's board meeting will be at Jerry's KC9EV.

The Board has voted to accept a roster by name format and it will be printed for distribution to all members as a extra sheet in the Chatter. Distribution will be in a month or two.

It has been decided to issue new member badges every year. A slide in holder will be provided. The old badge is available to everyone to keep.

Rick WB9GYT suggested that the club consider putting information on the ARRL Web site and also information about our Web site if we get one in the future.

The logo designs were discussed. Mark, Al and Matt had to resort to using design ideas from several sources. Which in a way is good because there will be a small touch from several people as well as the major efforts from Al , Mark and Matt. This design process could go on forever if we don't take advantage of these ideas now. Color selection is next and up to the members as well as the final O.K. by the Board.

Business card are on hold until the logo is complete.

The hours on the club net will remain as printed in the Chatter. If there is any changes, it will be up the the net control people to let us know. For now Rick WB9GYT will run the 10 meter net and Al, KB9NRS will run the 2 meter net. Dave has suggested to both that they find someone to take their places once and awhile.

Thursday night will be the elections of three new board directors. Ballots have been made and everything is ready.

Brief discussion on the Christmas party. Vern , W9RYA has been doing a very nice job so far. We just have to watch our total expenses so we don't exceed our party income by $800 like the last party.

MRAC Field Day 1999

What a fun day we all had. There was a cool wind and lots of sun. Good food and plenty of cool drinks. Fred Linn had us eat in the barn behind the depot. The barn has a kitchen and refrigerators. Plenty of counter space too. Matt brought plenty of ham and turkey with rolls and potato chips.

We set up 6 stations. Two were club stations and the others were from Jim, Mark, Brian and Fred. We had two tri-band beams this year and several dipoles.

More next month, after the count on points has been made and a list of the participating members is made along with a list of their contributions to field day effort.

Jim WB9LNU

MRAC Club Meeting 6/24/99

The meeting was called to order at 7:32.
The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as written.
Treasurers report -- $720.29 in liquid assets and $6000 in CD.
Ken says we have been getting some returns on our mailings. Some members must not have notified us on their new addresses.
The mic was passed for all at the meeting to I.D.

Dave made a introduction to the new board members and thanked the parting directors for all their help.

Matt and Mark explained more on the club logo and the members voted to add (Wi) inside the state outline on the new logo and have gold colored lightning bolts. Dave thanked Mark , Matt and Al for all their efforts on this project so far. Mark and Al will go to the patch company and get details on having them made.

Club business cards will be printed after the logo is 100% complete. All members will get new name badges every year from now on. The new club roster will be in the July or August Chatter.

A request to bring several copies of the clubs new by-laws to the meeting for members who may want a copy.

Field Day was discussed and everyone was invited to stop by. Jerry KC9EV is Chairman.

John KF9XL, our VEC says that the National Conference for VEC's was canceled waiting for the FCC to decide about the new license format. The next testing will be on September 25th at AES.

Warren introduced a visitor to the meeting Carol KC8IGP.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25

Brian KB9LCQ gave part 2 on his GPS tracking system.
Refreshments by Alfred KB9SLC and Myron KA9MWV.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim WB9LNU
Secretary

MRAC Club Meeting On a very hot 7/29/99

The meeting was called to order at 7:40.
Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as written.
Treasures report -- $289.23 in liquid assets and $6000 in CD's.

The mic was passed for all to ID.

Jerry KC9EV says that Field Day was a success. Jim says the points were about equal to last year. Everyone who attended had a nice time. Saturday had a nice breeze. Sunday was very warm when everything was put away for next year.

Tom KF9PU gave the latest on VEC news. FCC form 610 is no longer being used, the new form is 605. From this day forward your Social Security number or a Federal ID number must be on all test forms and with any correspondence to the FCC. License renewals can be done through the FCC Web site or through our VEC if you are a member of the club. No new test questions until the restructuring process is done.

The order blank for the new club patches will be in the Chatter. Order yours today. We need the money in advance to place the order with the patch company.

The meeting adjourned.

Our guest speaker was from the Wisconsin Electric Power Co. The subject was y2k.
The electric co. is ready as of June. They are confident that there will be no trouble with gas, electric or steam deliveries come January 1, 2000.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim WB9LNU
Secretary

Thanks to our kitchen crew for the donuts and soda.
No raffle.
Short meeting due to the heat.

MRAC Board Meeting 8/23/99

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 at Dave's QTH.
The previous meeting minutes were read and approved as written.
Treasurers report -- We received 450 and 25 dollars in interest on our two CD's Ken will also put $1000 form one of the CD's into cash temporarily to cover immediate expenses until Christmas party money and money for the club patches and dues start coming in.
The next board meeting will be at Al's QTH.

The latest report on club coffee cups is that there is a minimum setup fee and 72 or 144 cups must be ordered at once. This is a rough estimate from the same company that is now scheduled to make our new club patches.
The patches won't be ordered until we get enough orders and advance money to meet the minimum order.
New QSL card and business cards are on hold until everyone gets their new phone area codes.
Dave has created a temporary club application form for electronic E-Mail.

Dave has not heard from Dick at AES about supplement classes for Ham exams which MRAC would provide teachers for and be held at AES. The classes for starters, will be to help people who watched the no code tech video and still don't understand enough to pass the no-code test. General classes are still in question at this time. No code classes will be held due to the fact that it takes several months to master 13 wpm and we also don't know what the new speed requirements will be from the FCC.
Dick may start his CW practice on 2 meters again in October. On 146.425 simplex.

Mrac now has E-Mail forwarding through the ARRL.
Tom our VEC says that the new software for the VE program should be coming soon.

Further discussion on the Christmas party. Plants and Music etc:

Final comment from Dave --- He would like to see a new column about simple things such as how to make a 2 meter J pole antenna or 80 meter dipole. Similar to a beginners question column.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45

Respectfully submitted,
Jim WB9LNU
Secretary

MRAC Club Meeting 8/26/99

The meeting was called to order at 7:45
Previous meeting minutes were read and approved as written.
Treasurers report $386.13 plus $6000 in CD's

Dave asked everyone to get their patch order in ASAP so we can get started with the patch co.

The new club E-Mail forwarding address through the ARRL is W9RH@ARRL.net

Tom, our VEC reports that the new computer software is not ready yet and that temporarily all renewals must be sent in via mail. He hopes all will be ready by September testing time.

Dave auctioned off an antenna donated by Del Clark and also some CW tapes. Thanks Del!!
Dave did very well as auctioneer. We all had fun watching the bidding.

Dave reminded everyone to check into the clubs net once and awhile. Several members have put up beams that live west of Waukesha and are getting in fine.
The board of directors are trying to set up something with AES to use their building for supplement classes to help people who are having trouble passing the no-code tech test.

Warren reports that we have 40 at the meeting tonight. And the 91 repeater club will have a guest speaker on marine radar.
The meeting adjourned at 8:05
The speaker for the evening was Rick WB9GYT on making low power cw DX contacts. on 100watts
Thanks to out kitchen crew and raffle crew.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim WB9LNU
Secretary

MRAC Board Meeting 9/27/99

The meeting was called to order at 7:00. At Ken's QTH. Thank you Ken.
The next board meeting will be held at Matt's QTH at 6:30
A guest from AES , Dick, came to discuss the possibility of having a class for no-code techs and possibly general class. The discussion was to see if it was feasible to have the classes at AES after store hours and how often. Dick will discuss it with the powers to be at AES and let us know if they would be receptive to the idea. This is just a preliminary search for ideas.
Dick says that AES video classes for tech license haven't been attended very will during the last few sessions. His main interest would be in a general class including code. He also says that about 80% of the no-code techs pass after watching their video.

Treasurers report -- $ 1414 in liquid assets and 5000 in CD.
Dave reports that Jerry Melotik will not be at the meetings for awhile, he found out that he has lung cancer. And has to take treatments.

John Kraak KF9XL our testing VEC, says that 8 passed our latest test session. He also offered several ideas on how to raise money for the clubs treasury. #1 increase dues a few dollars
#2 reoffer free classes to people that join the club.
#3 Charge enough for Christmas dinner, so the club does not subsidize the dinner, drinks and flowers. Remember Ed Wille donated money for these items
#4 Have special event stations in public places to attract new members.
#5 Invite the Boy Scouts, we may get young members and their parents.

Tom Fuszard KF9PU our date entry VEC has the new software figured out and is ready to help any volunteers that may want to help the VEC's with date entry after testing. We also discussed the new FCC requirement that all licensed Hams must eventually have their Social Security number on file with the FCC. Other wise upgrades and license renewals will be impossible. Instead of a SS# you can file for a TIN number. Tom can help the members with this.

MRAC will have a club table at the 91 repeater swap fest on Nov. 6th. We need at least 4 people to man the table to hand out info on the club. 2 shifts with 2 people per shift.

Dave reported that Verne Teske W9RYA has done a good job to get things ready for the

Christmas party. Jim will provide the club sound system for back ground music and Dave's state of the club speech.
The first batch of club patches will be ordered. Extras had to be ordered to meet the minimum order requirements. So if you have not ordered one in advance, please purchase a couple at the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00. Thanks to Ken for all the goodies. And also for the tour of his new back up generator system he had installed at his home.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim WB9LNU
Secretary

MRAC Club Meeting 9/30/99

The meeting was called to order at 7:40
The previous minutes were read and approved with one correction from Rick WB9GYT.
Treasurers report -- $1414.81 in liquid assets and $5000 in a CD.
The mic was passed for all to I.D.
Dave asked that everyone who wants a club patch get their order in as soon as possible. We need enough advance orders to meet a minimum order at the patch co.
Dick McNew says that he will be starting his code class on two meters Nov.1 And it will be every mon. and wed. thereafter. See the Chatter for time and frequency.
The friday nets are still going and need more participation. Also the Saturday breakfast at Maxims way out on Capitol Drive.
Dave asked the members if we should do a auction at one of the meetings in the spring to raise money for the club. The equipment would be donated by members to help the club raise money. Only usable and relatively current equipment would be sold at this particular auction.

AES will have their no-code tech video course again Oct 25,27,29 and Nov. 15,17,19 and Jan. 24,26,28.

Dave reported that the board will be setting up a new club budget, to better control the cash flow. More details on this next year in the Chatter.

The club is looking for a Danual Bruster, he created a MRAC web page - we want him to contact any member of the board. Does anyone in the club know him and his call?????

Dave auctioned off more donations to the club to raise money. Thanks to the members who are trying to help out. Dave auctioned a grid dip meter,VLF converter,VOM, HT sub audible tone generator and a HF, VHF, UHF scanner.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10

Thanks to our kitchen crew and raffle crew.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim WB9LNU
Secretary

John Kraak KF9XL reminded everyone that he is testing again this fall and winter. And is still looking for more volunteers regardless of their class of license.

MRAC Board Meeting 10/25/99

The meeting was called to order at 6:50.

Previous meeting minutes were read and approved as written.

Treasurers report -- $1219.00 in liquid assets and $5000 in a CD. Total $6219.00

Next months meeting will be at Barbara's QTH, KB9TIV. The meeting will be on Nov.15th.

The Christmas dinner price has been set at $18.00. This covers the cost of the dinner, tips, soda, beer and flowers. The P.A. system will be provided by WB9LNU and we will use Christmas music CD's instead of live entertainment. The restaurant closes at 9:00 sharp. Dinner will be served at 6:00. Make your dinner reservations in A.S.A.P., we must let the restaurant know how many are coming a week in advance. There will be only one more Chatter with a reservation form before the party. The party is on Dec. 19th.

Ken, W9MOT has ordered the first club patches. The vendor says we will have them in 5 to 6 weeks.

The second size patch will be ordered after we receive the first batch. We had to order a minimum number of patches to get a price break. We desperately need more members to buy a patch.

Business cards and club QSL cards will be ordered after we see how much money we have left over after the Christmas party.

Dave, our President, WB9BWP, directed a intensive study on a budget for the club next year. It was found that we will easily be over budget if we don't come up with more ways to raise money. The Chatter alone cost approx. $1400 per year plus Liability Insurance, Field Day, Meeting hall cost, MRAC phone, P.O. Box, Roster Printing, Repeater expenses, etc: A new budget will be completed for next year and we will have to stick to it.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30. Thanks to Matt, KB9PRC, for the goodies and use of his home. Also thanks to Dave for the cookies.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim WB9LNU
Secretary

MRAC Club Meeting 10/28/99

The meeting was called to order at 7:35.
Previous meeting minutes were read and approved as written.
Treasurers report -- Liquid assets $1219.00 Total with CD -- $6219.00

Dave, our president, says that most of the details for the Christmas party are all set. Dinner will be $18.00. The party is on December 19th. Check the Chatter for all the details.

Dave also said that the patches have been ordered and we hope to see them soon. The club had to buy a minimum order to get a good price break. We need more orders for patches to help us break even. So far we have about 50 extra patches of each size.

The board is working on the new year budget. Our biggest expense is the Chatter which eats up about 90% of the regular dues. Postage, paper and printing are the major factors.

Dave has ordered a table at the 91 Fest. And also one for the West Allis Swap Meet in January. Members are welcome to sell their stuff from the table providing they man the table for awhile. The 91 repeater group is going to have a computer fest at the same time. 2/3 will be Ham stuff and 1/3 will be computers.

Dave, WB9BWP, auctioned off more equipment donated by the members to help raise money for the club. Dave is very entertaining when he is running the auction. Thank you to all the members who have donated some very nice equipment.

Roger, W9UVV, requested that we need to discuss new and old business as we used to do.
He had the following questions. How long can we expect to use the Church for a meeting hall? What about the repeater? Can it stay at Ed's house? Has the board considered trying to get a new location? And what ever happened to the ATV equipment that the club had?
Dave, WB9BWP's answers!!! Jim WB9LNU has checked with the Church and we are all set for next year. He also talked with Sue Wille and she says the repeater can stay in her garage as long as she owns the house. The repeater is not costing the club any money now, however if anyone with technical knowledge wants to have the repeater at their house and has a better location than we have now, the board will consider a change of location. We need a volunteer to find a new location that doesn't cost much, the club does not make enough money in a year to afford any large site expenses. And finally, the ATV equipment is in Dave's basement at this time. Dave has been checking with ARES because they are thinking of setting up a ATV repeater.

Les, W9YCV, suggested that we at least consider paying Sue Wille a few dollars per month to pay the electric bill on the repeater until we find a new location for it.

If any one else feels that the board is not taking care of new or old business, please contact a board member and we will see to it that you have an answer.

The business meeting adjourned at 8:40

The program for the evening was about back-up generators by Ken, W9MOT.

Thanks to our kitchen crew and raffle crew for another months job well done.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim WB9LNU
Secretary

$1000 to install Antenna's

$50 per month to rent tower and room.

MRAC Board Meeting November 1999

The meeting was called to order at 7:30.

The first order of business was to greet our guest Ted,WA9RDI. Ted has found a possible repeater site for the board to look at. It is a old commercial tower once used by possibly the Gas Co. It is not presently being used and is approximately 100' tall. The location is near 84th and Lisbon. The members of the board have all the information and will check the site out when the weather improves. Thank you Ted for your efforts.

Treasurers report. Liquid assets $ 1938 plus $ 5000 in CD. Total $ 7451.00

Ken W9MOT says that we have 24 reservations to date for the Christmas party. And he has no word on the delivery date for the club patches. The small patches are unreadable so the club will only order the 4" patch and no 3" patches. Those who ordered a 3" patch will have to pay the additional cost of the larger patch or we will give them their money back.

Dave WB9BWP says that the head count for Christmas dinner must be made at least 2 weeks before the party. Matt KB9PRC will purchase the plants that will be given away at the party.

Basic details of the new years budget was discussed. It shows that we have to make some cuts or come up with some new ways to make money. The club has been deficit spending for many years and relying on the interest from our CD's to break even. But, with past donations to the ARRL and repeater purchases just to mention a few things, we have depleted our CD's in half and the interest no longer cover the extra expenses. Yearly dues just covers the Chatter and Field Day and other basic operating expenses. The board will work out a new budget and post it in a up coming Chatter.

Absent from the meeting was Jerry KC9EV. We have now learned that he passed away form Cancer.

Matt KB9PRC suggested that we should have a auction night 3 times a year instead of at every meeting. It was also suggested that on the more expensive donations that a minimum starting price of 40% of it's original value be used as a base price to start the bidding.

Finally, the board had a short discussion about the clubs repeater. Should we continue the have a repeater? Should we sell it? A site could cost $500 to $600 per year. Does any member besides WB9LNU want to take care of all the technical problems that may be encountered. We need full time repeater controllers if we want to follow the FCC rules to the letter. More next year.

Thanks to Barbara KB9TIV for the use of her QTH for the board meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim WB9LNU , Secretary

MRAC Club Meeting 11/18/99

The meeting was one week early due to Thanksgiving.
The meeting was called to order at 7:30.
Previous meeting minutes were read and approved as written.
Treasurers report - Ken W9MOT - Total $ 7451.00 Ken also thanked everyone who has paid their dues early this year.
The mic was passed for all to I.D.
Dave WB9BWP asked the members if they have any general comments on band conditions or the club. Short comments followed.
Dave says the Christmas party is all set and reminded everyone who has not sent in the reservation yet that we need a total head count 2 weeks before the party. Also the priority discussions at the board in January will be on the clubs budget. We also will look further into the suggested repeater site that was discovered by Ted, WA9RDI. More details on the possible repeater site at the February or March meeting.

Note: The VE test charge for next year will be $6.65.
Also Jim Fisher has requested that he needs someone to climb his 30' tower to put up a new antenna.
AES -- Will have a Super Fest in the beginning of April.

Our President Dave, WB9BWP informed the members of the boards findings on the club budget. Dave has worked out a expense sheet and a incoming funds sheet. Deficit spending is well indicated and changes will need to made for the new year. Dave fielded comments form various members on the subject.

Dave would like to make the January meeting into a audience participation night. Discuss what they have been doing on the air and how much operating are they doing.

Dave also showed the members the proof patches. The small one is unreadable and will not be ordered. Everyone who ordered a small patch will have to pay and additional charge for the larger patch or have their money refunded.

A group discussion on ways to get new members. What should we do if the FCC changes the license structure. Should we have a school to help the members meet the new requirements. A code class? Where could we have this class? The church is not open to having a class if the people are not members of MRAC.

John KF9XL our testing VEC says that Nov. 27th is the last testing for this year. Also January

8th , there will be testing at the West Allis Swap Fest and at AES at the last Saturday of the month.

Dave auctioned off more donated equipment to raise money for the club. Next year we will establish a minimum starting price on the more expensive stuff and all new equipment donated. The starting price will be about 40% of the original value. Remember the auction and the money is to help the club treasury.

Dave closed the meeting with the best wishes to all through out the holiday season.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim WB9LNU
Secretary

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